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SUMMARY: OBJECTIVE OF GOP FOREIGN MINISTER'S MISSION TO ANGOLA

IS TO STOP VIOLENCE AND STEM REFUGEE FLIGHT. IF MISSION FAILS, GOP PREPARED TO RESORT TO UNILATERAL OR INTERNATIONAL MEASURES TO PROTECT ANGOLAN DECOLONIZATION PROCESS. END SUMMARY

1. GOP FOREIGN MINISTER MELO ANTUNES, ACCOMPANIED BY STAFF AIDE DR. CASTRO MENDES AND MAJOR BARATA OF ANGOLAN ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT, DEPARTED LISBON AROUND MIDNIGHT JULY 13 FOR LUANDA. ANTUNES RELATED FOLLOWING IN AIRPORT INTERVIEW:

2. MISSION TO ANGOLA MARKS YET ANOTHER, PERHAPS LAST, GOP EFFORT TO INSTILL REALISM AND A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AMONG LIBERATION LEADERS. PORTUGAL HAS DONE "ALL THAT WAS POSSIBLE" AND HAS INDEED "REACHED THE LIMIT" IN EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL AND HARMONIOUS ANGOLAN DECOLONIZATION. GOP MAY RESORT TO INTERNATIONAL OR WHATEVER OTHER MEANS NECESSARY TO BRING ABOUT PEACE. GOP HAS OBLIGATION TO STOP MASSACRES IN ADDITION TO SPECIAL DUTY TO ENSURE PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY FOR THOSE PORTUGUESE WHO WISH TO REMAIN IN THE TERRITORY. GOP MILITARY FORCES ARE BOUND BY POLICY OF "ACTIVE NEUTRALITY" WHICH "DOESN'T MEAN STANDING BY WITH ARMS FOLDED AND MERELY WATCHING EVENTS. IT MEANS ACTIVE AND ENERGETIC INTERVENTION TO PUT AGGRESSORS IN THEIR PLACE." NO ONE PARTY IS ESPECIALLY GUILTY OF CREATING THE LATEST ROUND OF FIGHTING. THOSE WITH AN UNREASONABLE THIRST FOR POWER ARE TO BLAME.

3. ANGOLA IN LISBON PRESS: JULY 14 "O SEculo" BANNER HEADLINE READ "FNLA EXPELLED FROM LUANDA BY MPLA" FOLLOWED BY FULL INSIDE PAGE RELATING ANGOLAN DEVELOPMENTS. PRO-MPLA "O SEculo" NOTED ANTUNES' EVASIVENESS WHEN PRESSED BY REPORTERS AS TO AGRESSOR IN LATEST ROUND OF FIGHTING. "O SEculo" ALSO SUGGESTED THAT ANTUNES' MENTION OF INTERNATIONAL MEANS COULD SIGNIFY UN INTERVENTION. "FIGHTING IN LUANDA; HUNDREDS DEAD" WAS JULY 14 BANNER LEAD FOR "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS." IN ADDITION TO ANTUNES STORY, D/N CARRIED DETAILED REPORT OF MPLA OVERPOWERING FNLA AND "ARMED CIVILIAN REACTIONARIES."

4. COMMENT: PORTUGUESE DECOLONIZATION OF HER FORMER AFRICAN TERRITORIES HAS BEEN MARKED BY A RELATIVELY SMOOTH GOP EXIT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUPLED WITH WIDESPREAD PROPAGANDA OF ITS "SUCCESS." ANGOLA IS A DIFFERENT CASE. ASIDE FROM FAILURE OF THE MUCH CELEBRATED ALVOR AGREEMENT, PORTUGUESE HOME AND ABROAD ASSOCIATE DECOLONIZATION WITH THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT. DESPITE PAST REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL EFFORTS TO SHARE DECOLONIZATION RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE POLITICAL PARTIES, PUBLIC EYE WILL REMAIN ON MILITARY SHOULD GOP ANGOLAN DECOLONIZATION EFFORT COLLAPSE. ANGOLAN FAILURE IS PROPORTIONATE TO, AND UNDERSCORED

BY, THE REFUGEE INFLUX THAT IS FURTHER TEARING AT METROPOLE'S  
ALREADY FRAYED ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL FABRIC.

5. INTERVIEW BY A VISIBLY NERVOUS ANTUNES SUGGESTS AFM  
SENSITIVITY TO, AND ALMORE DESPERATE DESIRE TO KEEP LID ON,  
ANGOLAN VIOLENCE AND CURB REFUGEE INFLUX. MILITARY INTER-  
VENTION RAISES SPECTRE OF FURTHER MILITARY CASUALTIES AMONG  
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